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The WEEKLY REPUBLICAN is now ready to contain a variety of news and information, matter, besides a full report of Wendell Phillips' lecture on Daniel O'Connell and the report of Judge Polard on the credit mobilier "investigation." This is a very valuable paper to send to friends living outside the city, and can be obtained at the counting-room for five cents a copy.

THE CONGRESS DEBATES.
The decided way by which the Senate regularly sustained the motion of Senator Anthony to take up the joint resolution of the House providing for the printing and publication of the debates encourages the hope that this whole question will be disposed of as soon as possible, and that the upper branch of the National Legislature will show the same regard for economy, reform and re-trenchment that the House has already exhibited.

We rest our case entirely upon its merits and upon its merits we expect Congress to pass. The committee has given a unanimous report in our favor; the House of Representatives has endorsed it. Now it remains for the Senate to endorse or reject the report of its own committee and the judgment of the representative branch of the Government. The arguments that prevailed in one will, we are certain, prevail in the other. We present a proposition that will save the Treasury nearly one hundred thousand dollars per annum for the next six years, and offer a penal bond in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars that we will do the work faithfully and honestly. Thus far we have complied with every demand of the joint committee. As to the arguments that we cannot do the work, all we have to say is, that is our own business. We have had thirteen years' experience in this city in the publication of a daily newspaper, involving an expenditure of from seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars per annum. That, in our judgment, is the answer to the arguments on the score of experience.

In the Senate yesterday Senator Haulla gave notice of an amendment, to the nature of a substitute, providing that the Joint Committee on Printing should make a contract with Rives & Bailey in their present rates, with five per cent. discount. Let us estimate the gain to the Treasury of this proposed reduction: Taking the last session of Congress as a basis, the amount they received being \$26,555.50, the five per cent. would be \$1,327.75. We are now more upon the terms of our bid, as applied to the last Congress, \$25,614.52. Allow then the benefit of the amendment, and we will be better than they \$7,815.75.

In other words, if the contract shall be renewed with them, saving to the Government for the next six years will be upon the basis of the last session of Congress, which has been made the standard of calculation, in round numbers, \$7,800, while under our bid the saving will be nearly half a million dollars.

THE DISTRICT LAND FRAUD.
The attention of our readers, particularly those who have been to the West or South, or the navy, is invited to a synopsis of an adverse report of the Senate Committee on Public Lands on the soldiers' bounty land bill, which is printed in another column. Why the House ever was induced to pass such a monstrous fraud, under such a patriotic guise, we never could imagine, and from the inception of the measure we were prompted by the reasons so forcibly presented to the committee's report to oppose its passage. We venture to say there is not a man in the country now greater than may be in need of early cash, who, after a careful investigation into the proceedings and legitimate operations of the bill, would desire his Government to act as it did, or be swindled in order that he might receive a benefit as paltry as this measure would receive.

The Knights Templars left at Masonic hall last evening was one of the most select and elegant of the day.

Mrs. Barret received her friends yesterday at her studio, and entertained them in her usually graceful manner.

Miss Cowen's Friday receptions are always very popular, and among the most largely attended of the day.

Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Ann hold their weekly reception to-day. Both ladies are charming entertainers and favorites in Washington society, while their receptions are exceedingly enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stickney's card reception last evening, which was elegantly attended, by correspondents who claimed to be ex-soldiers, and we have repeatedly been most unjustly accused with a lack of sympathy for the nation's defenders. We will go as far as any journal, though it be the speculator's market that almost nothing can be said for them. Our course in connection with the soldier's bounty bill, as far as it can be justified, has been fully explained by correspondents who claimed to be ex-soldiers, and we have repeatedly been most unjustly accused with a lack of sympathy for the nation's defenders. We will go as far as any journal, though it be the speculator's market that almost nothing can be said for them.

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